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FOLLOWING ATHENS 8178 ACTION SECSTATE, NOVEMBER 23RD:

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, PINS, NATO, GR

SUBJECT: FAREWELL VISIT OF ADMIRAL COLBERT, CINCSOUTH

FOR THE SECRETARY AND SECDEF SCHLESINGER

1. LAST EVENING ON GREEK TELEVISION I SAW ADMIRAL COLBERT (CINCSOUTH) WARMLY SAYING FAREWELL TO PRESIDENT PAPADOPOULOS AND GRASPING WITH BOTH HIS HANDS THE PRESIDENT'S RIGHT HAND. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE EXTENSIVE SHOTS OF ADMIRAL COLBERT REVIEWING THE RAIDING FORCES PRIOR TO HIS CALL ON GENERAL ZAGORIANAKOS, WHO IS NOW RUNNING ATHENS  
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UNDER MARTIAL LAW AND CURFEW. THE RAIDING FORCES PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN RESTORING ORDER IN ATHENS. THE GREEK PRESS HAVE PLAYED UP THE COLBERT-PAPADOPOULOS MEETING WITH PROMINENT PHOTOGRAPHS.

2. IN VIEW OF THE DEATH TOLL, THE HOUSE ARREST OF  
EX-POLITICIANS KANNELOPOULOS, MAVROS AND ZIGDIS, THE  
RESENTMENT OF MANY GREEKS WITH GOG HANDLING OF VERY  
SERIOUS EVENTS OF LAST DAYS, THE UNUSUAL DEGREE OF EXPRESSIONS  
OF ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING, I CONSIDER IT MOST UNFORTUNATE  
THAT A FULL ADMIRAL WEARING A U.S. UNIFORM CAME TO ATHENS  
IN A PERIOD OF SEVERE POLITICAL TENSION WITHOUT NOTIFICATION TO  
THE AMBASSADOR, OR ANY CONSULTATION. AFTER ALL, ADMIRAL COLBERT  
MAY WEAR A NATO HAT, BUT HE DOES APPEAR IN U.S. UNIFORM AND IS  
PAID BY THE U.S. TAXPAYER. I FAIL TO PERCEIVE THAT U.S. NATIONAL  
INTERESTS ARE SERVED BY THE GREEK REGIME DRAPING THE AMERICAN  
FLAG ABOUT THEMSELVES UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS  
IS A FORM OF INTERVENTION - A KIND THAT WE SHOULD SEEK TO  
AVOID.

3. IN VIEW OF THE PROJECTED FORTHCOMING VISIT OF HIS  
SUCCESSOR, PLUS OTHER VISITORS IN A SIMILAR POSITION  
(E.G., LG WILSON, COMAIRSOUTH, DUE ATHENS 24 NOV), I  
URGE YOU BOTH TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION TO PREVENT  
RECURRENCE OF SUCH COUNTERPRODUCTIVE ACTIONS AND  
ACTIVITIES.

4. PLEASE REPEAT TO GENERAL GOODPASTER, SACEUR.  
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